

Ismay, MT. Mrs. Bickle was recently honored as the myth buster of the year by the Research, Education, and Endowment Foundation of the Montana Stockgrowers Association.

Mr. President you might ask, "what is a myth buster?" Well Mr. President, a myth buster is a person, a volunteer, who promotes the beef industry in Montana. During this time, a year in which Congress must write a new farm bill, thank goodness we have people out there who not only know and understand agriculture, but are willing to educate others about its importance. I should mention however, that this is Sheila's second job. Sheila and her husband Bill raise cattle near Ismay, MT.

Mrs. Bickle was instrumental in getting a science video produced with beef checkoff dollars into the fall catalog of CTN educational TV network, used by 106 San Francisco Bay area schools.

Mrs. Bickle also was the motivation behind a recent project by the Montana Cattle Women designed to educate third graders about beef nutrition.

Every time we educate our urban citizens about agriculture, we have helped bring the country closer together. When a person volunteers to help educate our children, like Sheila, our country and society is better for it.

Thank you Shelia, thank you for being a myth buster, for helping promote agriculture in our home State and in one of our largest urban areas. I wish we had some myth busters here in Washington to enlighten some of the press about what a great job our farmers and ranchers are doing for not only America but the world.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

#### THE SITZ FAMILY RECEIVES THE MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, Donna Sitz and her adult children—son Bob and his wife Jennipher, son Jim, and daughter Sherrie and her husband Mark Stokman were recognized for enhancing the natural resources and contributing to wildlife diversity on their ranch. Their registered Angus seedstock operation in the Madison Valley of southwestern Montana is nationally recognized for excellent cattle. And now they've been recognized for their stewardship as well. The Montana Stockgrowers just awarded the Sitz family their Montana Environmental Stewardship Award.

Among the many projects they completed to enhance the Montana environment include:

They planted thousands of trees along streambanks to help stabilize riparian areas.

They obtained a grant from the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks to enhance spawning habitat for trout on their private land. The project has made significant improvements in three major spawning areas, increasing fish numbers and enhancing water quality.

They have improved the vegetation of their grazing lands by using a rest rotation grazing system, intensive grazing, controlled burns, and weed spraying.

It's always an honor for me to recognize Montanans who stand for everything we all should be doing, working hard and doing all you can to improve your local environment. One of the well known environmental slogans states "we should think globally and act locally". The Sitz family is doing exactly that, improving their local water quality and wildlife habitat, and by their actions they improve not only their ranch but the environment under Montana's big sky. What a wonderful example for all of our ranchers and farmers all across the Nation.

Donna Sitz credited her late husband Bob Sitz, who was tragically killed in a tractor accident in 1989 for the family's commitment to stewardship. Donna said, "Bob was a strong conservationist. I want the kids to be like their father, to run an honest outfit, and to leave things better than they found them." But let's also credit Donna for carrying on her husband's legacy, saving the ranch, and obviously raising an outstanding family to carry on.

I congratulate Donna and her family, for being recognized for this stewardship award. And I thank them for the shining example they set for all of us to follow.

#### TRIBUTE TO IRVINE CRAIG PORTER, JR.

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, I want to pay tribute to my friend Irvine Craig Porter, Jr., a longtime Alabama attorney and community leader who passed away recently.

Irvine was active in numerous professional and civic organizations throughout his life. He was a member of the Birmingham, AL, and American Bar Associations and was the city attorney for Homewood and Irondale, both Birmingham suburbs, for many years. He was secretary, treasurer, and general counsel for The Club; a member and chancellor of All Saints' Episcopal Church; and the chaplain of the Homewood Lions Club.

Irvine was awarded the Selective Service Medal in 1946, the Alabama Commendation Medal in 1968, and the Army's Distinguished Rifleman Badge in 1962. He also served as president of the University of Alabama National Alumni Association and of the board of directors of the downtown YMCA.

Irvine Porter was born on May 22, 1910 in Florence, AL. He attended the public schools in Florence and Birmingham, graduating from Phillips High School in 1926, Florence State Teachers' College—now the University of North Alabama—in 1928, and the University of Alabama School of Law in 1932.

Irvine was a thoughtful and honest adviser during the many years I had the pleasure of knowing him. He had a

keen legal mind, and always seemed to have his finger on the pulse of the people and what they were thinking. I extend my sincerest condolences to his wife, Sarah, and her entire family in the wake of this loss.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I understand we are still in morning business, is that correct?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, how much time is left, if I might inquire, in morning business?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator may speak for up to 5 minutes.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to be allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. I will inform the Senator that morning business will conclude at 10:30, which is 7 minutes.

#### EXTENSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that morning business be extended to 10:35.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### BUDGET PRIORITIES

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, this debate is about priorities, fairness, and choices, and I am talking about the debate on the budget that we are on today. I guess we will be voting on it a little bit later this afternoon.

It is not just about numbers. This debate is about, really, the choices we will make as a society, how we deal with the fundamental issue of fairness, being fair to people in our country, and on what we will choose to spend the tax dollars that we collect from our hard-working citizens. We all agree on the bottom line. We agree on balancing the budget and bringing deficit down. I voted that way. But, unfortunately, how we get there is really what we are debating.

If you take a look at the national budget, what you see are pages and pages of numbers, numbers of statistics. But on every page and behind every number there are real people, there is a real individual someplace. So this budget debate is not just about numbers, it is about, as I said, choices and priorities, and about people and how people are going to be affected in their daily lives in this country.

All through this year I have listened to people in meetings I have held across my State. Iowans have shared their thoughts and concerns about the budget. Everywhere I have gone I have heard the same message: Yes, we want to balance the budget; yes, we want to bring the deficit down; but let us do it responsibly and let us be fair about the way we do it. So the question we have